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From: Conley, Alanna
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2015 9:10 AM
Subject: Invitation to Portland Harbor Community Cafe and Potluck - July 16, 5:30pm, St. Johns Community Center

Hello,

My name is Alanna and I am the U.S. EPA, community involvement coordinator for Portland Harbor Superfund Site. In the fall of 2016, EPA anticipates having a proposed cleanup plan for Portland Harbor. At that time, the cleanup plan will be available for public review and comment. Until then, we are seeking ways to actively engage diverse communities, provide information about the site, answer questions and hear input.

Although engagement is occurring with various networks, there are voices missing from the conversation. To support enhanced engagement, your names were provided to me by EPA, Environmental Justice Coordinator – Mr. Running Grass. I would like to keep you posted and provide upcoming events for you to share with your networks.

I also plan to partner with several schools and provide an interactive, hands on science exercise for 6-8th grade students. The exercise is designed to help children also learn about the River.

Please let me know if you are interested in receiving future event notifications to share with others. Future events will be provided well in advance of the date (this event is tomorrow). Feel free to reach me at 503-326-6831.

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Thank you for your time,

Alanna

Portland Harbor Superfund site

Portland Harbor is the 11 mile stretch of the lower Willamette River between the Broadway Bridge and Sauvie Island. More than a century of use has left areas of Portland Harbor polluted with hazardous substances. Because of the risk to people and the environment from the pollution, in 2000 the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency named Portland Harbor a Superfund Site, making it eligible for funding for cleanup. In 2016, EPA anticipates reaching a very important milestone – the proposed cleanup plan for Portland Harbor.

Positively partnering for a cleaner river

Concerned people from Portland and surrounding areas have been constructively engaging with EPA to develop positive ways the community can learn the facts, be involved, and be prepared to submit comments on the proposed cleanup plan for Portland Harbor. Until then, there are ways the community can stay engaged. The Community Café, Portland Harbor Workshops sponsored by EPA, and monthly Community Advisory Group meetings are activities to stay informed.

For more information

Visit the Portland Harbor Superfund Site web page:

www.epa.gov/region10/portlandharbor

contact Alanna Conley, EPA Community Involvement Coordinator for the Portland Harbor Superfund Site at: 503-326-6831.

You are invited to the Portland Harbor Community Café and Potluck

Date: Thursday, July 16, 2015

Time: 5:30 p.m. Open House, Community Pot Luck

6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Community Café

Location: St. Johns Community Center, Portland Parks & Recreation, 8427 North Central Street, Portland, Oregon 97203

Connect with others with shared values and interests for Portland Harbor. Network and share your experience and information with others who live, work, and play along the Willamette River. Discuss thoughts and ideas for future cleanup of Portland Harbor.

Bring your favorite dish/food to share with others during the potluck.